



April 22, 2014

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.



FOIPA Request No.: 1224393-001
Subject: LAPAZ, LINCOLN

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552

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3 pages were reviewed and **2 pages** are being released.

☒ Document was located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.

☒ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2)

Regarding your fee waiver request, for less than 250 pages it is unnecessary to adjudicate your fee waiver because there are no assessable fees.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

For your additional information, a record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act request has been transferred to the National Archives. You may desire to direct a request to the National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file numbers 100-HQ-435676 and 100-HQ-432807.

Records (105-HQ-48584), which may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. The retention and disposal of records are governed by statute and regulation under the supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FLYING SAUCER RESEARCHERS

G. P. O., BOX 853.

BROOKLYN 1, N. Y.

The First Civilian Research
Group, established July 1951
to study all Saucer Phenomena

Latest reports listed and
analyzed in Flying Saucer
Review, printed Since Aug. 51

April 6 1954

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania and 9th
Washington DC

Subject: Possible subversive ring

Gentlemen;

Further to my registered letter 33520 of March 1, listing persons we had planned contacting for the new CIVILIAN SAUCER INTELLIGENCE, to discuss Flying Saucers, I am sending a second report on membership. I have reached much more definite impressions since then, on some members, and enclose these for whatever they are worth.

From her actions, general attitudes, and methods, I am almost positive [redacted] is part of some other group, possibly subversive, investigating the field for possible civilian information on the subject.

From her attitude, toward [redacted] and [redacted] her contacting me twice after I had written [redacted] twice after long activity, his unusual willingness to cooperate with our group, different from his previous closemouthed attitude, I am almost positive he is part of the same group, and either directs her, or the entire group in New York City. He does a great deal of travelling from New York to Washington and Baltimore, and may be some sort of courier.

A clipping has come in that [redacted] also previously listed, states he is a [redacted] to PROFESSOR LINCOLN LAPAZ in Albuquerque, now studying 'Meteoritics'. I have nothing as to Professor LaPaz's background other than he has given out some peculiarly mis-informative ideas on the subject in recent years.

These include: a widely circulated release that the Green fireballs were not 'natural' phenomena, and probably were American secret weapons: an article in People Today that saucers and fireballs were probably coming from northern Russian Bases; a news release that flying saucers over Northern Japan in Jan. 1953, were probably Russian guided missiles, contrary to all known performances of missiles.

After sending [redacted] some special information on saucer reports, he mentioned after long delay that he had been at Cambridge, Mass. Whether or not there is a connection, [redacted] whom wrote a deliberately misinformative and debunking book on flying saucers, lives near Cambridge while working at Harvard. According to some persons who have supposedly met his daughter, they are unquestionably communists or fellow travellers. However, I am not sure of the character of the persons who met them and must state this is only hearsay evidence.

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We have also received calls from a [redacted] acting as [redacted] for [redacted], a speaker on the subject. Her telephone number was given as THE NEW LEADER MAGAZINE, 7 East 15th Street-AL-5 8844. She is supposedly cooperating with the British Book Center, in the publicising of [redacted] books with [redacted], FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED. He will speak at our meeting this Friday April 9th. [redacted] has been especially energetic in putting this meeting across, in spite of [redacted] material.

Through [redacted] special efforts, a [redacted] of the NY POST, Bronx division may send reporters to this meeting, for a possible article writeup. Other than [redacted] seemed insistent that the Post be contacted rather than other newspapers, I have nothing to add to [redacted].

All information enclosed, is sent for whatever value it may have. I will continue sending this, until I wither quit this group, or subject. It should be understood at all times, that this material is purely impressions I gather from the behavior of the persons mentioned, and is not based on any concrete facts I have been able to obtain. If at any time you require correspondence on these or any other correspondents, my files are at your disposal.

Sincerely,

FLYING SAUCER RESEARCHERS

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